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FOR: TRANSMITTING/RECEIVING  
APPARATUS AND A  
TRANSMITTING/RECEIVING  
METHOD

AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claim 10 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend Claims 1, 5-9, 11 and 12 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A receiving apparatus, comprising:

receiving means for receiving an electronic mail transmitted through a network;

first extracting means for extracting encrypted certification information inserted in

said electronic mail received by said receiving means;

second extracting means for extracting a control command inserted in said electronic

mail received by said receiving means for controlling a remote reservation function of an